

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS**. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 6/23/2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. The drawings filed on 14 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE**.

7. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>12</u> . |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. <u>10</u> . | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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Proposed claims as rewritten with comments from second pair of eyes.

1. A method of ordering a part for a apparatus comprising: monitoring electronically a condition of a replaceable part in a first device, the replaceable part having:

a first condition upon installation; at least one intermediate condition after use;

and a third condition when a replacement part is substantially necessary;

launching a communications link to access a URL address, the URL address defined by a condition of the part;

electronically sending a signal to a second device,

the signal automatically electronically offering to purchase a replaceable part upon identification of at least one of the first condition, second condition, and third condition in the replaceable part; and

sending an electronic purchase order for the part to the URL address defined by the condition of the part, and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the offering to purchase the replaceable part.

14. A method of ordering a part for an apparatus comprising: identifying electronically a condition in an apparatus;

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automatically launching an electronic communications to initiate at least one of an inquiry and an offer to purchase to a supplier based on the condition;

launching a communications link to access a URL address, the URL address defined by a condition of the part;

displaying a purchase order screen including a part number for a part automatically filled out on the purchase order screen based on the identified condition;

sending an electronic purchase order for the part to the URL address defined by the condition of the part; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase order for the part.

15. A method of ordering a part for a marking device comprising: sensing a condition at a consumable part in the marking device, the marking device adapted to predict a code indicative of a threshold of a consumable;

launching a communications link to access a URL address, the URL address defined by a condition of the part;

sending an electronic purchase offer for a replacement for the consumable part to the URL defined by the condition; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase offer.

17. A method of ordering a part for an imaging apparatus comprising:

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identifying electronically a condition in a consumable part, the consumable part including at least one an ink cartridge, toner cartridge, photoreceptor cartridge, paper, and printhead, the consumable part having a first condition upon installation, at least one intermediate condition after use, and a third condition when a replacement of the consumable part is substantially necessary; and

using a software and sensor system associated with the apparatus for at least one of:

(a) electronic monitoring of the condition of the consumable part; (b) electronic predicting of the condition of the consumable part; and after at least one of (a) and (b);

(c) automatically launching a communications link to access a URL address, the URL address defined by a condition of the part to initiate at least one of an inquiry and an offer to purchase a replacement for the consumable part at an occurrence or prediction of at least one of the first condition, intermediate condition, and third condition;

sending a purchase offer for a replacement for the consumable part to a URL address

defined by the identified condition in the consumable part; and

sending a digital electronic signature associated with the purchase offer.